



# Queen Anne Cobblestone

The Newsletter of the Queen Anne Historical Society, Seattle, WA

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## King County Historians to Meet on QA, Sept. 28

The Association of King County Historical Organizations will hold their September meeting on Queen Anne Hill at the Masonic Center at 1608 4th Ave W., on Tuesday morning, September 28, at 9:30 am. AKCHO brings together heritage organizations, museums and individuals from all over King County to share ideas and support the heritage movement.

The QAHS will act as hosts for this monthly meeting, which was last held here in March, 2000. Society President Bruce Jones will open the meeting, introduce honored guests and present a brief overview of Queen Anne and the society. The main program will be a review of social studies programs in Washington public schools. This subject is important to heritage enthusiasts who see a lack of material in our schools for local and regional history.

The meeting is open to the public and we encourage those who can to attend and learn about all the various groups who make up King County history.



Queen Anne Masonic Center at 1608 4th W., originally the telephone company building. In foreground is an original lamp from the Willcox Wall at 8th W.

## QUEEN ANNE ANTIQUÉ SHOWCASE

### NOTE NEW DATE, ONE WEEK LATER THAN USUAL!!

The September meeting of the Queen Anne Historical Society will feature three local antique dealers and appraisers who have offered their time to evaluate antiques and artifacts. The dealers are **Scott David Singer**, of Singer Galleries on W. Galer; **Cheney Cowles** of The Crane Gallery on W. Roy; and **Larry O'Rourke** of J.L. O'Rourke on W. Roy. These three will use their expertise and experience to evaluate items brought to the meeting by members, friends and neighbors of Queen Anne.

Now is the time to search your attic, look on the top shelf of the spare room closet and find that item you have been storing from grandmother, Aunt Maud or Uncle Adam. Dust it off and bring to the meeting to explore its origins and value.

Because of the past success and interest of this type of program we must insist that individuals bring no more than two items. There will be a sign-up list at the door to keep things moving. Since this meeting is in a public school, no edged weapons or firearms will be permitted. A photograph may be substituted. This evening promises to be fun and educational. Don't miss it.

Join your neighbors at our  
next public meeting

Wednesday, Sept. 29, 7:30 pm  
McClure Middle School Library  
First Ave. W. and W. Crockett St.

The meeting is free and open to the public. It begins at 7:30 pm at McClure Middle School library, 1915 1st Ave. West on Queen Anne. For more information, contact Del Loder at 206-282-8771.

**NOW HEAR THIS!**  
TIME TO RENEW  
FOR 2004-2005...

Membership dues were due June 1st. Please see the Membership Notice on page 2 and the coupon on page 3.



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## MEMBERSHIP NOTICE

**NOTICE!** Our membership year ends each May 31st. **Your mailing label shows the year your current membership expires. If your label shows (2004EXP) it means your membership has ended and it is time for you to renew. Please use the coupon on page 3 and renew now.** Your membership and involvement help to preserve our community's heritage. For more information, contact Membership Chair, Nadine Belcher, at 206-284-8369. ....*Thanks for helping make this a great organization!*

## CALENDAR OF

### Wed. Sept. 29, 2004

*Program:* Antique Showcase will present dealers who can evaluate your family heirlooms. McClure Middle School Library, 7:30 pm. Free (See story on page 1).

### Wed. Nov. 24, 2004

*Program:* Subject still in work. McClure Middle School Library, 7:30 pm. Free.

### December, 2004

*Event:* Annual "Crown of Lights" Contest. Holiday lighting contest with prizes for best decorated residences on and off the "Boulevard".

### Wed. Jan. 26, 2005

*Program:* Subject still in work. McClure Middle School Library,

## THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

### Using the Internet

Pictures are worth a thousand words, so they say. Did you know there are many, many photos of historic Queen Anne that are just a short walk away?

As close as your computer, or worst case, as far as the terminals at our Queen Anne branch of the public library, are hundreds of hilltop photos available for close-up viewing. Just go to our links page at [www.qahistory.org/links.htm](http://www.qahistory.org/links.htm) and click on "King County Snapshots" or "University of Washington Special Collections". You'll be amazed and delighted at the pictures of historic Queen Anne.

For example, click on the KCSnapshots link, type in "Queen Anne" in the search parameters, then sit back for over 220 photos dating as far back as prior to 1900! Is that you or your mom in that 1939 photo of the Grizzly football game crowd? Remember when the Space Needle had no top? Was there a Mercer school? Where was it? The Bubbleator and numerous scenes of the 1962 World's Fair are available also.

The Internet has made so much information so much more accessible to us. Take some time to check it out. You'll be glad you did.



*The rear of the Kinnear Mansion, a sample of photos from KCSnapshots.org.*

Courtesy of Museum of History & Industry, Seattle.

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Queen Anne Historical Society is to record and preserve, in permanent form, the history of the settling of the Queen Anne community and to develop within the community an appreciation and concern for its history and its historical sites.

## HERITAGE NEWS

### Uptown Stroll Held Sept. 11 at New Park in Lower QA

This year's mini-arts festival in the Uptown neighborhood of Queen Anne was held Saturday, Sept. 11. Our society had a display table at the event, centered in the new (gravel) park at Queen Anne and Roy. A brief walking tour of the area was prepared, but there was no advance publicity and the tour will be put off until next year's Stroll.

The new park, which has not yet been named, was the former site of a Union Oil gas station, known as McKales 76 in an even earlier era. The environmental



John Hennes, Isabel Egglin and Bob Frazier at the Uptown Stroll.

cleanup was completed several years ago. The land was bought for \$1.7 million with funds from the Pro Parks levy. There is \$239K for development.

### Interbay P-

### Patch Turns 30

On August 21 our Interbay P-Patch turned 30, with a birthday bash for Magnolia and Queen Anne residents. More than 140 families use the 4400 square foot garden space, south of the Interbay Golf Course. Produce goes to food banks as well as neighbors.

### June Walking Tour of Mt. Pleasant Takes a New Course

The June 26 tour of our local historical cemetery took a new shape this year. Researchers Kim Turner and Isabel Egglin decided to emphasize working men and women rather than just historical movers and shakers.



Bob Frazier at William Bell monument.

The result was an easier trek and the discovery of interesting lives of many local folk who made contributions to our history. About 40 participants joined tour guides Del Loder, Kim Turner, Bob Frazier and John Hennes. Refreshments and sign-in were handled by Holly Smith and Nadine Belcher.



Tour guide John Hennes with some of the cemetery tour-goers.

### Phil and Mickey Canan Howard

Historical Society members and past board members Phil Howard and Mickey Canan Howard were profiled in the Aug. 18, 2004 issue of the Queen Anne News, in a delightful story by Florence Ekstrand, former editor. Mickey was manager of the Queen Anne and Magnolia News from about 1953 to 1984.

The Howards have volunteered for many activities over the years, both here and in their winter location in Indio, CA. Both were instrumental in putting together the society's history book, "Queen Anne, Community on the Hill."

### Bob Frazier and Nadine Belcher Wed

"It's about time," was the comment of many, including the minister, when QAHS stalwarts Nadine Belcher and Bob Frazier were married August 21 at the Queen Anne United Methodist Church at 5th Ave W and



Nadine Belcher and Robert Frazier cutting their wedding cake in the social hall at the QA United Methodist Church, on August 21, 2004.

Photo by Isabel Egglin

W. Garfield St.

Bob and Nadine are well known to many on Queen Anne, beyond the confines of our historical society, and both are very active in their church. After years of friendship and caring the two finally made it official, to the great joy of their many friends.

The Queen Anne Historical Society has benefited by their services and inspiration for many years and we wish them the very

*Yes, I want to join the Queen Anne Historical Society in preserving our community's heritage and promoting the public's understanding of its past.*

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**Return with payment to:** Queen Anne Historical Society,

Yes, I want to order the Society's book, *Queen Anne—Community on the Hill*.

I understand that mailing costs will be added.

Prices are:

**Soft cover: \$25**

**(\$20 for members)**

**Hard cover: \$45**

**(\$40 for members)**

Please send me the following:

Soft cover qty: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mailing costs at \$3/book:

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***Coming up:*** Antique Showcase at the Sept. 29th Program. Note this is the 5th Wednesday—a change in date!

### **KIM'S MUSINGS**

#### *A Time of Magic*

Looking through boxes of memorabilia and papers of some years back often brings memories to the fore. How many remember the marvelous Washington State International Trade Fairs which were held in the 1950's? I came across a fan which I had picked up at one such fair, held in the old Armory building (now Center House), either in 1952 or 1953. I remember a Chinese magician who blew smoke rings out of which he plucked wrist-watches! Which brought to mind the magic of Queen Anne High English teacher Paul Eaton (who also sold insurance when not teaching).

We have lived in a century that literally created magic for the ages. I still look with wonder at airplanes flying above me as I stand, earthbound, and remember, when looking at the moon at night, that a few brave Americans stood on its surface 35 years ago. We went from horse and buggy to men on the Moon!

Queen Anne went from mainly single-family dwellings to a sea of apartments and condominiums, although the United South Slope Residents managed to save the views of the upper ridge of the hill, particularly west of Queen Anne Avenue. Kerry Park became one of the most popular viewpoints in Seattle, a 'must' for visitors to see. Seattle's climate has changed in that century, going from four seasons to a rough two seasons, with our rainfall dwindling, our snow

days disappearing, and more sunny days than we perhaps want! The automobile is perhaps the one thing which hasn't really changed - it still needs gas, insurance, and a place to park.

Much was achieved during the last century, and much was lost. Or at least, neglected. The Queen Anne Historical Society appeared in the last quarter of the century along with many other historical societies, all of which recognized that we needed to chronicle in some way our civilization; that of each city, each neighborhood within each city, and all the myriad people who lived within our community.

Your Queen Anne group has created walking tours of Mount Pleasant cemetery and various sections of our neighborhood. We have introduced you to speakers who are noted for their areas of interest and for the books or programs which they have drawn together. We have asked many of you if you would like to become more actively involved within the organization, and many of you have given of your time and expertise to help us to keep finding out more about this lovely area in which we live. Thank you to all of you who pay annual dues to us, for this keeps the organization going, provides the monies to allow us to print our newsletter, brochures, and occasionally provide speakers whose time we would not otherwise be able to have.

Enjoy the days of sun and rain - we are living at perhaps the best time, certainly a time of magic and changes.

*Kim R. Turner, Research Chair*

**Isn't it time you became more involved with the Queen Anne Historical Society?  
Join the Board of Trustees! Help out in the archives! Call John Hennes at (206) 284-2266 for  
more details about how you can share in making and keeping Queen Anne's history.**